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| EXAMINER: | AVILA, Stephen P. | ART UNIT: | 3617 |
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| TITLE: | FLOAT TUBE COVER | | |

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 24, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Remarks

This response is believed to be timely filed within the first month of extension, and the corresponding request for extension is hereby made, with the requisite fee of \$55.00 enclosed. No further fees are known or believed to be due. However, in the event that this response and request for extension is untimely or any additional fees are due, then the Applicant respectfully requests the necessary extension and the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge deposit account 18-2210 any fees due in connection with this response.

It should further be noted that the applicant's former attorney, Joseph Breaux is no longer engaged in the practice of law. Applicant has retained present counsel to represent her in this matter, and a properly executed Power of Attorney is enclosed with this response.

Interview

Applicant conducted an interview with examiner STEVEN P. AVILA on April 1, 2004. In that interview, it was agreed that patentable subject matter existed in the application, provided

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I hereby certify that the following paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- Response to December 24, 2003 Office Action containing 3 added and 1 cancelled claim (4 pages);
- Power of Attorney (1 page);
- Transmittal Form (1 page);
- Fee Transmittal (1 page);
- Check No. 42189 in the amount of \$55.00;
- Certificate of Mailing; and
- Stamped Return Postcard.

April 20, 2004
Date

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